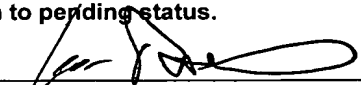


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| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.<br>PCT/FR03/02034   | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE<br>07/01/2003 | U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.5)<br><b>10/520,127</b> |
|   |   | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED<br>07/01/2002                                     |
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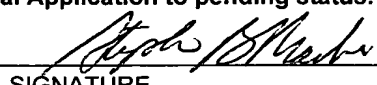
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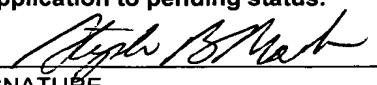
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### NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 01/03/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 01/03/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 01/03/2005
- Oath or Declaration filed on 04/06/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 01/03/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 01/03/2005
- Power of Attorney filed on 04/06/2005

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Translation of the application into English. Note a processing fee will be required if submitted later than 30 months from the priority date.
- Translation of the application into English. The current translation of the application into English is defective as described below. Note a processing fee will be required if submitted later than 30 months from the priority date.
  - The text in the drawings has not been properly translated.
- Processing fee for providing the translation of the application and/or the Annexes later than 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).

#### SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$130** for a Large Entity:

- **\$130** for English translation surcharge required.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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